

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRIS
NICHOLS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions a man has made to his community, his state, and his nation. Chris Nichols, a resident of Craig, Colorado, has selflessly donated his time, establishment, and energy to educating Craig, Colorado's youth on the terrible effects of drug abuse. For his efforts, the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, an organization dedicated to promote anti-drug messages throughout the community, recently honored him. As he accepts his award, I would like to commend his efforts to improving the community before this body of Congress, and this nation.

In an effort to ensure our nation's children are educated on the dangers of drug abuse, Chris has provided consistent support to SAPP. As the owner of a local McDonald's restaurant, he has hosted the organization's annual pancake breakfast that provides SAPP with its financial means and funding. He began this effort after the local police chief began advertising his concern over the effects that drugs play in our schools and children. Answering the call to service, Chris began volunteering his establishment as a place to hold the fundraisers to create the financial support for the program.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's communities and schools are fighting a long and difficult battle to rid their populations of drugs and the terrible impacts drugs have on people's lives. To combat this epidemic, we will rely upon men and women such as Chris Nichols to answer the call to community service, take initiative, and help win this war on drugs. Chris serves as a model citizen in this fight and I am honored to bring his efforts before this body of Congress, and this nation. Congratulations Chris, keep up the good work, and good luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING ALICE GREENFIELD
MCGRATH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Alice Greenfield McGrath, an extraordinary woman who has continuously fought for social justice, on this very special occasion, her 85th birthday.

Ms. McGrath holds a special place in the hearts of countless individuals and her actions as a social justice activist and advocate will not be forgotten. She has dedicated a tremendous amount of her time to both the struggles for economic and legal rights for poor people and against the prejudices and discriminations suffered by people of color.

Since her first semester at Los Angeles Community College, Ms. McGrath has immersed herself in social activism. In 1942, she became involved in the Sleepy Lagoon Case, the event that soon after triggered the "Zoot

Suit Riot". The riot is a significant event in Los Angeles history, as it represents the first time the political involvement of the Mexican American community made a difference, as it brought the mistreatment of Chicanos by police officers, sailors and other servicemen to light. And of course, Alice McGrath was right there with the community, fighting for the justice that all Mexican Americans deserve.

Ms. McGrath's activism continued to expand over the years. In 1986 she developed a pro bono program for the Ventura County Bar Association, and currently she is active with the Mexican American Bar Association and the Black Attorneys Association. She additionally serves on a California Judicial Council subcommittee for Access and Fairness in the Courts. She has been honored by El Concilio del Condado de Ventura, the Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles, and is a recipient of the Joyce Yoshioka award, which is presented by the Ventura County Criminal Defense Bar.

It is only fitting that we pay tribute to Alice Greenfield McGrath today. She has contributed so much to so many people over the years and is such an inspiration to us all. Our community is blessed to have a woman as wonderful as Ms. McGrath in its midst. I urge you to join me in wishing Ms. McGrath a wonderful birthday.

HONORING CHEROKEE COUNTY
EMS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Most of us rarely give a thought to who would provide us with medical assistance in an emergency situation. Those of us in northwest Georgia, are proud to know one such emergency care organization is the Cherokee County Emergency Medical Services. This group of individuals was recently awarded the Service of the Year award by the Region I Emergency Medical Services Council. This prestigious award is based on many characteristics, such as community service programs, training opportunities, and commendations from patients. The Cherokee County EMS shines in each of these categories, which accounts for their being recognized and honored for their work.

The Cherokee County EMS was formed in 1995, and has since been the sole provider of 9-1-1 Emergency Medical Services in the county. During its first year of operation, the division received the Director of the Year award from not only the state of Georgia, but also the Region EMS. It was also recognized for the best Safe Kids Campaign, and received the Service of the Year award in 1996. This is the third time this outstanding EMS provider has been recognized as Service of the Year, allowing it to permanently keep the trophy.

The group not only provides a transportation service to those with medical needs, but also spends numerous hours volunteering within the community. These activities include fundraisers for the March of Dimes, interaction with the Boy and Girl Scouts, and taking blood pressure at senior centers. This group of individuals deserve recognition for not only the

exemplary services they provide, but also for their dedication to the community.

TANF REAUTHORIZATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, We began the preamble to our constitution by stating, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," and then proceeded unnecessarily to leave out women, and they still have not reached parity.

We declared the right to vote as almost being sacred, and then placed restrictions that left out non-landholders, women, Black Slaves and other categories of human beings.

We started counting people, but reduced Black Slaves to being counted as only 3/5 of a person.

Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that with this program, we are following the same philosophy and same trends.

We have a program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. It does say temporary assistance to needy families and then we move promptly, piously and insensitively to give states the option to cut out or deny participation to individuals who are sick and have been convicted of felonious drug possessions.

Mr. Speaker, we are talking about hundreds, thousands and perhaps even millions of people who are in great need, have limited education, no marketable skill, an arrest record and cannot find a job; Who will hire them?

And quite frankly many of them will return to the penitentiary, destitute, hopeless and sentenced to a lifetime of poverty, broken promises, unfulfilled dreams and a cost item or liability to the rest of society.

I could cite any number of other concerns that I have about this legislation such as not enough opportunity for real training such as degree granting college programs, not enough emphasis on childcare and not enough emphasis on transportation so that people in inner city and rural communities can get to and from where the bulk of new jobs are, suburbia America.

And so . . .

Mr. Speaker, I hope that when the dust settles and we have a new TANF bill, I hope that ex-offenders, including those who have been convicted of drug offenses and otherwise qualify, I would hope that they too will be eligible to participate.

I hope that we would allow for programs to help people clear their records so that their chances of finding a job will be increased.

When we do this, we are indeed providing assistance to needy people and at the same time we will be helping the rest of society just as much.

H.R. 4652, THE CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR ON-LINE GAMES ACT

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on May 2nd, I introduced H.R. 4652, the Consumer